

D.O. No. F-12011/1/2023-Coord

12th June 2023

Dear Sir,

The important issues/developments related to the Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation during the month of May 2023 are as follows:-

- A. Storage Position of Important Reservoirs:** Central Water Commission (CWC) is monitoring live storage position of **146** important reservoirs spread all over the country and issuing bulletin on every Thursday. Live storage in these reservoirs as on **25.05.2023** was 54.58 billion cubic meters (BCM), which is **95%** of the live storage of corresponding period of last year and **123%** of storage of average of last ten years.
- B. National Mission for Clean Ganga:** On the occasion of Ganga Dussehra, NMCG, in collaboration with the District Ganga Committee and volunteer NGOs, organized several events along the Ganga river from Uttarakhand to West Bengal on 30th May 2023, including awareness meeting, Ganga cleanliness rally, Ganga cleanliness pledge, Mission LiFE pledge, and Ganga Aarti.
- **River City Alliance Global Seminar:** On 4th May 2023, NMCG, in association with the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA), organized the 'River-Cities Alliance (RCA) Global Seminar: Partnership for Building International River-Sensitive Cities' at Delhi providing a platform for officials of member cities and international stakeholders to discuss and learn good practices for managing urban rivers.
 - **Women and Water Dialogue Series:** On 22nd May 2022, NMCG in association with GIZ organized the third of the series - 'Women and Water Dialogue Series' at Hanumat Dham Ghat, Shahjahanpur to honor the contribution of women to the reform of the water sector.
 - **Workshop on Sludge Management:** On 2nd May 2023, NMCG organized a workshop on 'Sludge Management: Issues, Challenges and Way Forward & Online Continuous Effluent Monitoring Systems: Issues, Challenges and Way Forward'.
 - **Signing of Agreement:**
 - On 9th May 2023, a Joint Statement of Intent was signed between NMCG, Israel, and IIT Roorkee in presence of Hon'ble Foreign Minister of Israel and Hon'ble Foreign Minister of India for promotion of water resources projects, technologies and management for sustainable solutions in the water sector through the establishment of Centre of Water Technology.

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- On 25th May, 2023, an MoU was signed between NMCG and Central Water Commission (CWC) to facilitate both organizations to share hydrological observation sites for monitoring of real-time water quality levels, along with datasets; collaborate for various ghat cleaning activities across the length of Ganga; collaborate for integration of the local communities across the riverbanks; any additional areas of collaboration that are identified and agreed upon towards effective river pollution monitoring.
- C. **Atal Bhujal Yojana:** 4th National Level Steering Committee meeting of Atal Bhujal Yojana and Workshop on best practices on sustainable *Ground Water Management* was held on 26.05.2023 under the chairmanship of Secretary (WR). The committee recommended continuation of Atal Bhujal Scheme for another 2 years beyond 2025.
- D. **Important meetings/conferences held at the level of Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti & Hon'ble Minister of State (Jal Shakti) during the month of May 2023: –**
 - 12th Meeting of High-Powered Review Board of Brahmaputra Board was chaired by the Hon'ble Minister for Jal Shakti at Guwahati on 01.05.2023, which was attended by Secretary (WR).
 - Hon'ble Minister for Jal Shakti chaired 41st AGM of NIH on 02.05.2023 at Roorkee, attended by Secretary (WR).
 - On 18.05.2023, a Chintan Baithak was held under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister for Jal Shakti, attended by Secretary (WR), Secretary (DWS) and senior officers of Ministry of Jal Shakti.
- E. **Important meetings/conferences held at the level of Secretary (WR) during the month of May 2023: -**
 - First meeting of Steering Committee regarding conduct of 7th MI Census and 2nd Census of Water Bodies was held on 03.05.2023 under the chairmanship of Secretary (WR).
 - On 04.05.2023, Secretary (WR) held a meeting on Mission LIFE with NMCG, CWC, CGWB, NWM and NRCD to discuss the proposed activities to be held on or before World Environment Day.
 - A meeting of Screening Committee and DIB for inclusion of Amreng Irrigation Project (KAAC, Assam) under DRIP was held on 04.05.2023 under the chairmanship of Secretary (WR).
 - Special Secretary (WR) held a meeting to review mission document of National Water Mission in light of adverse impact of Climate Change on Water on 08.05.2023.
 - To review the work of National Dam Safety Authority, a meeting was held on 09.05.2023 under the chairmanship of Secretary (WR).

- A meeting with Nepal Delegation, JS(N), MEA to discuss way forward for Pancheshwar project was held on 12.05.2023, attended by Secretary (WR).
- Secretary (WR) attended Parliamentary Committee meeting on Examination of the subject "Flood Management in the Country with special reference to the States of Bihar, UP, West Bengal and Gujarat" on 29.05.2023.

F. Other important Meetings/Conferences held during the month of May 2023: -

- Special Secretary (WR) attended a meeting on problem of siltation in DVC reservoirs and their operations, taken by Secretary (Home) on 12.05.2023.
- On 02.05.2023, DG, NMCG held a meeting on the review status of Institutional Working Group under the Indo-German Technical Cooperation for River Ganga Rejuvenation and funded by World Bank.
- A meeting was held with Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute to review NMCG-CIFRI projects, objectives and major achievements on 03.05.2023 under the chairmanship of DG, NMCG.

G. National Aquifer Mapping and Management (NAQUIM) Programme:-

- As a part of the NAQUIM studies, during the month of May 2023, CGWB has constructed 03 high discharge wells in Chhattisgarh (1), West Bengal (1) and Maharashtra (1).
- Aquifer maps and management plans for 28 districts in 8 States - Maharashtra (1), Chhattisgarh (2), West Bengal (1), Bihar (14), Jharkhand (1), Uttarakhand (1), Andhra Pradesh (8) have been shared with concerned district authorities i.e., DM/DC.

H. National Water Mission (NWM): -

- A workshop-cum-orientation programme was organized by National Water Mission on 10.05.2023 at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, Janpath, New Delhi in the august presence of Hon'ble Minister for Jal Shakti, Hon'ble Minister of State (Tribal Affairs). The theme of the workshop was "Source Sustainability of Drinking Water".
- 47th Water Talk entitled "Jal Shakti Se Nari Shakti" was delivered by Smt. Akli Tudu, Water Warrior, East Singhbhum, Jharkhand and Smt. Hiraben, Water Warrior, Bhuj, Gujarat on 19th May 2023.
- 39th National Water Mission webinar session on "Best Practices of Water Management: Dialogues with District & Municipal Administrators" was held under the chairmanship of AS & MD, NWM on 27th May 2023.
- To review the progress made so far under Sustainable Development Goals (SDG-6), a meeting was held on 11.05.2023 under the chairmanship of AS & MD, NWM.

- To spread the awareness of the issues like water conservation, save electricity, use renewable energy, reuse, recycle water & energy etc; National Water Mission organized "Prakriti Par Paricharcha" event on 22.05.2023 under Mission LiFE mass movement.

I. India-Bangladesh Meeting & Flood Protection Works: -

- 81st India-Bangladesh Joint Committee meeting was held at Dhaka, Bangladesh including inspection visit to Joint Hydrological observation site at Hardinge Bridge during 8th to 12th May 2023 as per the provisions of the Ganga/Ganges Waters Sharing Treaty - 1996.
- Chairman, GFCC, who heads Kosi High Level Committee, visited the project sites to inspect the progress of flood protection works to be executed before flood 2023 during 16-18th May 2023.

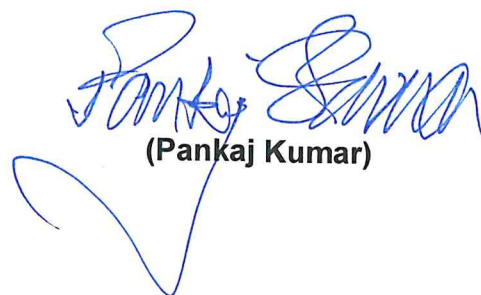
J. Miscellaneous Matters and Activities-

- **Mission LiFE outreach activities:** Under Mission LiFE mass movement theme, various organizations of the Department organized several activities such as *taking pledge, cleaning of river ghats/banks, mass awareness campaigns for adoption of environment friendly lifestyle, placing of bill boards on important locations or buses* during the month.
- **Increasing efficiency in decision making:** - As per the latest edition of Central Secretariat Manual of Office Procedure (CSMOP), the channel of submission has been reduced to four levels by issuing departmental instructions. It has been observed that the Desk Officer System is not suitable for adoption in this Department, considering its allocation of work.
- The department has adopted e-Office from February 2017 and is presently using the version 7.2.5. The Central Registry Unit has been digitized.

- K.** The incumbency details of the posts in the Department and its organizations under the purview of the ACC have been updated on AVMS portal.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,


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